

TROPICAL STORM 21W (GAEMI)

05 October 2012

This security message is being issued to notify U. S. Citizens residing, or traveling to Vietnam of the approach and potential impact of Tropical Storm 21W (Gaemi).

Tropical Storm 21W (Gaemi) is located 520 NM East of Hue Vietnam with max sustained winds of 040 KT, GUSTS to 050 KT. Quang Ngai Province has begun extensive storm preparations (source: <http://vn.news.yahoo.com/qu-ng-ng-c-m-t-u-thuy-105600887.html>). Localities prone to flooding and mudslides in Central Vietnam have been directed to make appropriate preparations.

- The forecast for the next 24 hours shows the storm moving between west and south-west, each hour at 10-15km and potentially becoming more powerful. At 19:00 hours on Oct 5, the location of the storm will be about 620km to the east off the coast of Quang Ngai, Phu Yen provinces. Strongest winds near the center of the storm 75-102 km / hour.
- In the next 24-48 hours, the storm continued to move between west and south-west, 20 kilometers per hour . At to 19 hours on Oct 6, the location of the storm at the coast of Quang Ngai, Phu Yen province about 160 km to the east with max sustained winds near the center of the storm at 89-102 km / hour (Source:HYDRO-METEOROLOGICAL CENTER CENTRAL).
- Conditions are expected to deteriorate in Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen and surrounding provinces in the afternoon of Saturday Oct 6th through Sunday, Oct 7th. Heavy rain and strong winds are expected.

Residents and travelers in the area affected, including the cities of Da Nang, Hue, and Hoi An should take precautionary measures to prepare for the storm. Due to expected powerful winds, all U.S. citizens are advised to stay indoors to avoid the risk of being injured from flying objects. Coastal and flood-prone areas should also be avoided. Heavy rains may cause serious flooding and landslides, even in inland areas.

Please continue to monitor the storm's path by listening to the radio, watching television, or monitoring <http://www.usno.navy.mil/JTWC>, <http://www.kttv.gov.vn>, or <http://www.tropicalstormrisk.com/>.

Considering the damage caused by past typhoons and the projected landfall of this tropical storm/typhoon, please take the following precautionary measures to ensure minimal disruption or damage. You should also contact friends and family in the United States with updates on your whereabouts.

- Locate shelter and follow all official instructions.
- If local authorities recommend evacuation, please follow their instructions.

- Carry your travel documents at all times (i.e. U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in a safe, waterproof location.
- Secure loose outdoor items (limbs, roofing material, windows (coverings), doors, debris (trash), etc.).
- Fill vehicle, generator fuel, and water tanks.
- Check and charge radios.
- Charge cell phones.
- Have bottled water; make ice.
- Gather flashlights, tools, and first aid supplies.
- Have fresh batteries, candles, matches, water, groceries (canned and/or dry foods), and pet supplies.
- Assure an adequate supply of first aid materials and prescription medications.
- Stay home and let your family and office know how you plan to weather the storm, especially those family members in the United States.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found on our "[Hurricane Season – Know Before You Go](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis_pa_tw_2915.html)" (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis_pa_tw_2915.html) webpage, and on the "[Natural Disasters](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1207.html)" (http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/emergencies/emergencies_1207.html) page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs website. Updated information on travel in Vietnam may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

Please continue to monitor the [Consulate's](#) website for updated information. Please consult the [Country Specific Information for Vietnam](#), available on the [Bureau of Consular Affairs](#) website.

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services Unit of the U.S. Consulate General, located at 4 Le Duan, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City; telephone (08) 3520-4200, fax (08) 3520-4235, email acshcmc@state.gov or the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section, located at 170 Ngoc Khanh Street, Hanoi; telephone (04) 3850-5000 extensions 6133 or 6014; after hours emergency telephone (04) 3850-5105; ACS unit fax (04) 3850-5026; e-mail acshanoi@state.gov .